

The Friends of the Coyote Valley Greenbelt (FROG)

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*The Greenbelt is now part reality and part dream...our mission is to realize the dream.*

To: Mayor Ron Gonzales  
San Jose City Council

CC: Members of Coyote Valley Specific Plan Task Force ✓  
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From: Friends of the Coyote Valley Greenbelt (FROGs)

Re: Coyote Valley Greenbelt

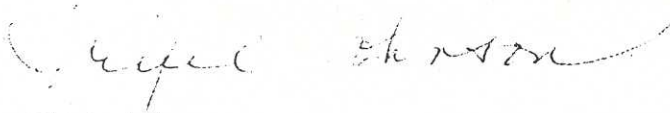
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The members of FROG, Friends of the Coyote Greenbelt, strongly urge the City of San Jose and the Coyote Valley Task Force NOT to consider creation of a separate, parallel planning process for the Greenbelt. This concept was proposed by a speaker at the January 25 City Council meeting as a way to involve Greenbelt property owners. Our organization was also mentioned as a possible stakeholder in such a process. FROGs concurs with the statement of Councilmember Cortese that property owners be involved in the process. We feel, however, that property owners should participate within the existing process.

To create a separate, parallel planning group would only weaken, and potentially jeopardize the current planning work that has taken us to this point. There has already been important work done, which has brought together many divergent groups and points of view. Having a second planning effort would only add confusion to an already complex planning process.

The city is not doing land use planning for property owners, but is making decisions for the greater good of the entire city – an end best served by having one unified process. Additionally, a plan focusing on the Greenbelt area would necessitate leadership by the County of Santa Clara, which has planning jurisdiction for the area outside the City's Urban Service Area, and not necessarily by the City of San José.

We urge you to continue to support the current planning process and to encourage the Greenbelt property owners to work with the Task Force and staff.

  
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